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SUBJECT: ALGIERS EAC: ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECEMBER 11
ATTACKS IN ALGIERS

Classified By: DCM Thomas F. Daughton for reason 1.4 (g).

1.(S/NF) DCM convened the Emergency Action Committee on December 7 to discuss the Embassy's security profile in view of the impending anniversary of the December 11 attacks in Algiers and recent threat reporting. The EAC discussed the symbolism of conducting an attack on or around the mentioned date and reporting regarding a potential attack during the early part of December.

12. (S/NF) The full EAC convened at 1100 to review current threat information and review post's security posture in advance of the first anniversary of the December 11, 2007 bombing of the UN and Constitutional Court buildings in Algiers. RSO and GRPO reported that there was no specific threat information against the Embassy, American staff or American interests. After considering available general threat information, the EAC agreed to remind all staff to vary routes and times and to review their personal security posture. The EAC also agreed that current restrictions were consistent with the language about security restrictions on Embassy personnel in the Department's Travel Warning for Algeria, and did not raise double-standard issues.

13. (S/NF) RSO noted an observed increase in police checkpoints around the city, but RSO and GRPO reported that no new information had been obtained from the local authorities concerning specific threat information targeting the U.S. Embassy. Local security officials informed Embassy officers that police operations were normal throughout the city and that no threat information of concern was available. DCM urged EAC members to remind employees and their dependents to be cautious during the December 11-12 weekend, to follow the established Personal Security Directive, and to report any issues to the RSO. EAC members were asked to remind Embassy employees to vary travel to public markets, and RSO and Management were asked to review motor pool use patterns to ensure that patterns were avoided.

14. (U) Point of contact for this cable is DRSO Miguel A. Eversley.

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